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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 24, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN SHIMKUS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, You created the world for all to share in a spirit of love, justice, and equality. We pray today for peace in our world. We unite our prayer with representatives of the world's religions who gathered today in the town of Francis of Assisi, desirous of becoming instruments of peace.

We pray for peace, O Lord, and to pray for peace is to open our hearts to inroads of Your own power to renew all things.

By the life-giving force of Your grace, O God, You can create openings for peace where we see only obstacles and closures. You alone can strengthen and enlarge the solidarity of the human family, in spite of recent tragic events, all human suffering and the endless history of division and conflict in our world.

As we pray for peace, we pray for justice. We pray for a right ordering of human relations within and among nations and peoples.

As we pray for peace, we pray for freedom, especially for religious freedom that is a basic human and civil right of every individual.

To pray for peace, O Lord, is to seek forgiveness and to implore from You the courage to forgive those who have trespassed against us.

At this time of world distress, give us new unfailing reasons for hope. Show forth in our day that genuine religious belief is an inexhaustible wellspring for mutual respect and harmony among peoples.

Let our prayer and our faith in You, Almighty God, be our chief antidote to violence and conflict.

Hope is truly instilled in our world today as each of us prays, "Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace." Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. McNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McNULTY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 299. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President on the state of the Union.

TRIBUTE TO DAVE THOMAS

(Ms. PRYCE of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man we all know as Dave, a man blessed with an extraordinary knack for business and a heart of gold. Sadly, we lost him to cancer only a few weeks ago.

Dave Thomas personifies the American dream, that a young person of humble beginnings can and should dream big. And that he did, by creating the third largest fast-food chain in the world.

Dave's devotion to his business was surpassed by only one thing, his great love for children. As an adopted child, Dave felt so fortunate to have been given a loving family to care for him. He wanted to see other children experience this joy.

Dave took his passion and turned it into something extraordinary. In 1992, he founded the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption to serve as a voice for children who cannot speak for themselves. The foundation is based in my hometown of Columbus, Ohio.

I feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to work closely with Dave in our joint effort to bring children and families together and make the process of adoption easier.

Dave once said, "If I can get just one child a home, it would be better than selling 1 million hamburgers."

Well, Dave, you did just that, and more. You are a true class act, one who will be sorely missed, but remembered by all for generations.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE NOMINATIONS

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

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